

CLAIMS

1. A fuel cell vehicle (200) having a vehicle body and
a polymer electrolyte fuel cell (10) mounted in said vehicle
body, said fuel cell (10) including a stack (12) formed by
stacking a plurality of unit power generation cells (18), a
stack container case (14) containing said stack (12), and a
condenser (16) provided in said stack container case (14),
wherein

10 in said polymer electrolyte fuel cell (10), each of
said unit power generation cells (18) includes an
electrolyte electrode assembly (28) and a first separator
(34) and a second separator (36) sandwiching said
electrolyte electrode assembly (28), said electrolyte
electrode assembly (28) including an anode electrode (22), a
cathode electrode (24), and a solid polymer electrolyte (26)
interposed between said anode electrode (22) and said
cathode electrode (24);

20 said stack (12) is immersed in an electrically
insulating liquid coolant (108) inside said stack container
case (14) to cool said stack (12);

 said stack container case (14) is provided under a
passenger compartment of said vehicle body (202); and

25 an air supplied from an air inlet (206) of said vehicle
body (202) contacts said condenser (16) to condense the
liquid coolant (108) vaporized at said stack container case
(14) when cooling said stack (12).

2. A fuel cell vehicle (200) according to claim 1,
wherein coating is applied to at least one of a surface of
said condenser (16) and an inner surface of said stack
container case (14).

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3. A fuel cell vehicle (200) according to claim 2,
wherein the coating comprises fluorine resin.

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4. A fuel cell vehicle (200) according to claim 3,
wherein the coating comprises polytetrafluoroethylene.

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5. A fuel cell vehicle (200) according to any one of
claims 1 to 4, wherein said stack (12) includes a cooling
plate (20) having at least one groove (42, 44) for supplying
the liquid coolant (108) into said stack (12).

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6. A fuel cell vehicle (200) according to any one of
claims 1 to 5, wherein a plurality of protrusions (88)
protruding toward said stack (12) are provided on an inner
surface of said stack container case (14), and said
protrusions (88) are exposed from the liquid surface of the
liquid coolant (108).

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7. A fuel cell vehicle (200) according to any one of
claims 1 to 6, further comprising a trapping section (118)
for trapping the condensed liquid coolant (108) at said
condenser (16), and a circulation mechanism for allowing the

liquid coolant (108) to flow from said trapping section (118) back to said stack container case (14).

5 8. A fuel cell vehicle (200) according to any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein the liquid coolant (108) is a liquid which can be boiled into vapor in the nucleate boiling state.

10 9. A fuel cell vehicle (200) according to claim 8, wherein the boiling temperature of the liquid coolant (108) is lower than an operating temperature of said stack (12) by 10°C to 25°C.

15 10. A fuel cell vehicle (200) according to claim 9, wherein the liquid coolant (108) is a lower alcohol or a solvent of fluorine compound.

20 11. A fuel cell vehicle (200) according to any one of claims 1 to 10, further comprising an air discharge assistance mechanism for assistance to discharge the air supplied from said air inlet to the outside of said vehicle body (202).